Thursday, May 22, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with METALINK CORPORATION, Austin, TX for fence installation and repair services at various Austin Energy sites in an estimated amount not to exceed \$612,616, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$612,616 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,063,080.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$204,205 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Karen Williams, Buyer II, 322-6467.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide a means for Austin Energy (AE) to effectively manage their chain link and wood fencing needs, utility wide. It will provide effective project management and construction of security-system automated gates and prompt repair services for vehicle collision damage to fences and gates and vandalized fences (fence cuts) which protect critical infrastructure properties.

MBE/WBE solicited: 13/7 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-eight notices were sent, including 13 MBEs and seven WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. This is the first contract for these type services; therefore there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with AE's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.